

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 16 to correct an error in antecedent basis and has amended claim 1 in the interest of expediting prosecution to define more clearly the feature of the invention that the one or more rotatable members of the support assembly have outer surfaces which together form a single substantially continuous rolling surface. The idea is that the support assembly for the main body has but one substantially continuous rolling surface regardless of whether the support assembly includes one or more than one rolling member. No new matter has been added, nor has the intended claim scope been modified by these amendments.

In response to the provisional double patenting rejection, applicant submits a terminal disclaimer to expedite prosecution.

Claims 1-22 stand rejected as anticipated by Embree. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner reads Embree as disclosing “rotatable members (90b and the other wheel).” By “the other wheel,” applicant surmises that the Examiner is referring to the undepicted counterpart to wheel 90b falling within the reference to “rear wheels 90b” at column 2, lines 63-64, of Embree. Embree does not disclose the invention of claim 1, either before or after the amendments above.

Claim 1 prior to amendment recited a support assembly attached to the main body *and* a surface treating head, i.e., the support assembly is claimed as part of the main body and is separate from the surface treating head. Otherwise, the surface treating head would not have been a separate element of claim 1 as filed. Embree’s wheels 90b are attached directly to Embree’s surface treating head and are not part of a support assembly attached to the main body that is not part of the surface treating head.

However, so that the significance of this invention is unmistakable, applicant has, as noted above, clarified claim 1 so that the one or more rotatable members of the support assembly

make up a single substantially continuous rolling surface, a concept not at all hinted at by Embree, which discloses the conventional dual wheels 90b without a hint of the advantages in maneuverability provided by applicant's invention.

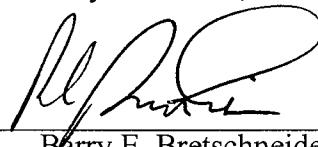
As a result, Embree neither identically discloses the claimed invention nor provides any reason for a person of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the claimed invention. This rejection should be withdrawn.

Early action allowing claims 1-22 is solicited.

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